

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-13, and 16-18 are presently active; Claim 2 had been previously canceled; Claims 14 and 15 have been canceled without prejudice; Claims 17 and 18 have been presently amended. No new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 14 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 15 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for not being enabled. Claims 1, 3-13, and 16 were indicated as being allowed.

Regarding the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraph, rejections, Claims 14 and 15 have been cancelled without prejudice, and Claims 17 and 18 have been amended to remove the word “individually” from these claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraph, rejections have been overcome.

Having no prior art rejections and having overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraph, rejections, Claims 14 and 15 are believed to be in a condition for allowance.

Lastly, this amendment is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116 which after final rejection permits entering of amendments canceling claims, complying with any requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous Office Action, or presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. The present amendment removes the word “individually” from Claims 17 and 18, thereby presenting the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. No new matter has been added, and this amendment does not raise a new issue requiring further consideration and/or search. It is therefore respectfully requested that the present amendment be entered under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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